

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
*ex rel.* LYNN FITCH, in her  
official capacity as Attorney General  
of the State of Mississippi,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-168-TBM-RPM

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,  
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA,  
NATIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION OF  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,  
MINISTRY OF EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA, MINISTRY OF  
CIVIL AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA, PEOPLE'S  
GOVERNMENT OF HUBEI PROVINCE,  
PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF WUHAN  
CITY, WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY,  
and CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,

Defendants.

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MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF  
COUNSEL

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Plaintiff State of Mississippi respectfully requests that Caleb Pracht be permitted to withdraw as counsel of record for Plaintiff State of Mississippi in this matter. The reason for this request is that Mr. Pracht is no longer assigned to the Consumer Protection Division of the Mississippi Attorney General's Office. The

granting of this motion will not impose delay or affect any deadlines in the case. Mississippi will continue to be represented by other counsel of record, and this motion requests no other changes regarding the other attorneys acting as counsel of record.

Further, the Clerk is requested to terminate CM/ECF notices as to Caleb Pracht for this matter.

Dated: August 20, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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